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In re the Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert a new paragraph as follows:

a' This application is the international phase under 35 U.S.C. 371 of prior PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/06131 which has an International filing date of September 8, 2000 which designated the United States of America, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 7, lines 2-12, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

a² Each of the laser devices of the present invention basically generates ultraviolet light and includes a laser light generator section which generates mono-wavelength laser light in a wavelength range of from an infrared region to a visible region; an optical amplifier section including an optical fiber amplifier which amplifies the laser light generated by the laser light generator section; and a wavelength conversion section which performs wavelength